



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinsuke OKADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2811

Application No.: 10/580,436

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For: RECTIFYING DEVICE, ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT USING THE SAME, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING RECTIFYING DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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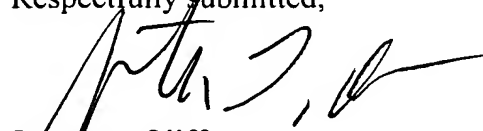
In reply to the September 3, 2009 Election of Species Requirement, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1, Figure 1a, with traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 11-14, 17-32, 41 and 46-80 read on the elected species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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